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The following is the T/O of the Primerwald School, the only HVA armored corps school.

School Command (Schulleitung)

Rank (T/O)

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| 1. Chief | 1 Kommandeur-Inspekteur |
| 2. Deputy Chief Polit/Kultur | 1 Oberrat-Kommandeur |
| 3. Deputy Chief in charge of training | 1 Oberrat-Kommandeur |
| 4. Deputy Chief in charge of technical equipment | 1 Oberrat-Kommandeur |
| 5. Deputy Chief in charge of material and technical supplies. | 1 Oberrat-Kommandeur |
| 6. Aide | 1 Kommissar-Oberkommissar |
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I. Polit/Kultur Section

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| 1. | Secretary Party Control Commission (PKK) | 1 Oberrat-Kommandeur |
| 2. | Instrukteur in charge of organized Party activities (Instrukteur fuer organisierte Parteiarbeit) | 1 Rat-Oberrat |
| 3. | Propagandist | 1 Rat-Oberrat |
| 4. | Assistant to the Section Chief in charge of youth activities | 1 Rat-Oberrat |
| 5. | Club Manager, also Instrukteur in charge of collective cultural activities (Klubleiter, zugleich Instrukteur fuer kulturelle Massenarbeit) | 1 Oberkommissar-Rat |
| 6. | Chief Librarian | 1 Oberwachtmeister |

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Polit/Kultur Section (cont'd)Rank (T/O)

7. Projectionist and Radio Mechanic	1 Oberwachtmeister
8. Party and FDJ Document Registrar (Instrukteur fuer Nachweisfuehrung der Partei - und FDJ Dokumente)	1 Civilian
9. Clerk	1 Civilian
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II. Secretariat

1. Chief of Secretariat	1 Rat-Oberrat
2. Chief of Personnel Sub-Section (Unterabt Kader)	1 Oberkommissar-Rat
3. Chief of classified documents (VS Stelle)	1 Kommissar-Oberkommissar
4. Registrar of Classified Materials (VS Sachbearbeiter)	1 Unterkommissar-Kommissar
5. Interpreter	2 Kommissare
6. Clerk	1 Civilian
	<u>7</u>

III. Signals Detail (Nachrichtengruppe)

1. Chief	1 Kommissar-Oberkommissar
a. <u>Telephone Operations Squad</u>	
2. Squad Leader	1 Hauptwachtmeister
3. Master Telephone Operator (Oberfernsprecher)	1 Oberwachtmeister
4. Telephone Operator	2 Wachtmeister
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b. Radio Detachment

5. Detachment Chief	1 Hauptwachtmeister
6. Chief Radio Operator	4 Oberwachtmeister
	<u>5</u>

c. Work Shop and Battery Charging Unit

7. Work Shop Chief	1 Hauptwachtmeister
8. Radio Mechanic (Funkmeister)	1 Oberwachtmeister
9. Telephone Mechanic (Fernsprechmeister)	1 Oberwachtmeister
10. Electrician	1 Oberwachtmeister
	<u>4</u>

Total Signals Detail: 14

IV. Band

1. Band master	1 Kommissar-Oberkommissar
2. Assistant Band Master	1 Meister
3. Musician	2 Oberwachtmeister
4. Musician	10 Wachtmeister

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<u>V. Training Section</u>	<u>Rank (T/O)</u>
1. Chief of Training Section	1 Oberrat-Kommandeur
2. Assistant Chief for Planning	2 Rat-Oberrat
3. Office Manager	1 Unterkommissar-Kommissar
4. Quartermaster (Magazinverwalter)	1 Civilian
5. Draftsman	1 Hauptwachtmeister
6. Clerk	1 Oberwachtmeister
7. Clerk	2 Civilians
8. Chief Instructor (Hauptfachlehrer) for Polit/Kultur	1 Oberrat-Kommandeur
9. Instructor for Polit/Kultur	3 Rat-Oberrat
10. Chief Instructor for Tactics	1 Oberrat-Kommandeur
11. Instructor " "	6 Rat-Oberrat
12. Chief Instructor for Technical Equipment	1 Oberrat-Kommandeur
13. Instructor for Technical Equipment	6 Rat-Oberrat
14. Instructor for Automotive Equipment (Betriebsdienst und Fuehrung Masch)	1 Rat-Oberrat
15. Chief Instructor for Marksmanship	1 Oberrat-Kommandeur
16. Instructor for Marksmanship	3 Rat-Oberrat
17. Chief Instructor for Signals	1 Oberrat-Kommandeur
18. Chief Instructor for combat engineer service (Pionierwesen)	
19. Chief Instructor for Artillery	1 Oberrat-Kommandeur
20. Chief Instructor for Cartography	1 Oberrat-Kommandeur
21. Chief Instructor for Basic Training & Sports	1 Oberkommissar-Rat

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VI. Company

The school includes six companies, each 100 trainees strong.

a. Company Command

1. Company Commander	1 Rat-Oberrat
2. Deputy Company Commander Polit/Kultur	1 Oberkommissar-Rat
3. First Sergeant (Innendienstleiter)	1 Meister
4. Company Clerk - Supply Room Sergeant	1 Oberwachtmeister

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b. Platoon

1. Platoon Leader	1 Kommissar-Oberkommissar
2. Assistant Platoon Leader (trainee)	1 Hauptwachtmeister

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Platoon (cont'd)

3. Squad Leader (trainee) 3 Oberwachtmeister

4. Trainees 21
26Total Company Strength: 108
Total 6 Companies Strength: 648VII. Technical Section

1. Chief (deputy school commandant)	
2. Assistant chief in charge of Maintenance, Repair, and Supply of Vehicles	1 Rat-Obererrat
3. Manager of Fuels and Lubricants	1 Kommissar-Oberkommissar
4. Chief Clerk	<u>1</u> Hauptwachtmeister 3

VIII. Combat Vehicle Training Company (Kompanie der Schulkampfwagen)

1. Company Commander	1 Oberkommissar-Rat
2. Deputy Company Commander Polit/Kultur	1 Kommissar-Oberkommissar
3. Deputy Company Commander for technical equipment.	1 Kommissar-Oberkommissar
4. First Sergeant	1 Meister
5. Chief Mechanic	1 Meister
6. Clerk and Supply Room Sergeant	<u>1</u> Oberwachtmeister 6

IX. Armored Vehicle Platoon

Each company has one Combat Vehicle Platoon.

1. Platoon Leader	1 Kommissar-Oberkommissar
2. Tank Commander	1 Unterkommissar
3. Office Manager	4 Hauptwachtmeister
4. Mechanic Specialist (Fach-Mechaniker)	<u>4</u> Hauptwachtmeister 10

a. Self Propelled Artillery Platoon

Each company has one self propelled artillery platoon

1. Platoon Leader	1 Kommissar-Oberkommissar
2. Commandant (Kdt.SFL)	2 Unterkommissare
3. Gun Commander	2 Hauptwachtmeister
4. Mechanic	<u>2</u> Hauptwachtmeister 7

b. Light Vehicle Platoon (Zug der Leichten Wagen)

1. Platoon Leader	1 Kommissar-Oberkommissar
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Armored Personnel Carrier Squad (SPW)

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| 1. Squad Leader | 1 Unterkommissar |
| 2. Commandant (Kommandant SPW) | 4 Oberwachtmeister |
| 3. Driver | 4 Oberwachtmeister |
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c. Armored Scouting Vehicle Squad

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. Squad Leader | 1 Unterkommissar |
| 2. Commandant | 4 Oberwachtmeister |
| 3. Driver | 4 Oberwachtmeister |
| | <u>9</u> |

Total Platoon Strength: 19

Total Company Strength: 45

X. Transport and Maintenance Companya. Company Command

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|---|---------------------|
| 1. Company Commander | 1 Rat-Oberrat |
| 2. Deputy Company Commander Polit/Kultur | 1 Oberkommissar-Rat |
| 3. Deputy Company Commander for Technical Equipment | 1 Oberkommissar-Rat |
| 4. First Sergeant | 1 Meister |
| 5. Clerk and Supply Room Sergeant | 1 Oberwachtmeister |
| | <u>5</u> |

b. Motor Transport Platoon

Each company has one such platoon

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| 1. Platoon Leader | 1 Kommissar-Oberkommissar |
| 2. Assistant Platoon Leader | 1 Oberwachtmeister |
| 3. Manager of Fuels and Lubricants | 1 Oberwachtmeister |
| 4. Chief Driver and Squad Leader | 2 Oberwachtmeister |
| 5. Truck Driver | 6 Wachtmeister |
| 6. Staff Car Driver | 4 Wachtmeister |
| 7. Motorcyclist | 1 Wachtmeister |

c. Maintenance Platoon

Each Company has one such platoon

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| 1. Platoon Leader | 1 Kommissar-Oberkommissar |
| 2. Assistant Platoon Leader | 1 Oberwachtmeister |
| 3. Car Mechanic | 2 Oberwachtmeister |
| 4. Chief Electrician | 1 Oberwachtmeister |
| 5. Lathe Operator (Dreher) | 1 Wachtmeister |

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(Maintenance Platoon - Cont'd)

6. Chief Ordnance Sergeant	1 Hauptwachtmeister
7. Ordnance Sergeant	2 Oberwachtmeister
8. Battery Charger	1 Wachtmeister
9. Driver of General Purpose Truck	1 Wachtmeister
10. Spare Parts Manager	1 Oberwachtmeister
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Total strength of company: 47

XI. Supply and Administration (Intendantur)

a. Rations Section

1. Chief	1 Oberkommissar-Rat
2. Store Room Manager	1 Oberwachtmeister
3. Chief Cook	1 Oberwachtmeister
4. Cook	5 Wachtmeister
5. Waitresses	6 civilians
6. Kitchen Help	6 Civilians
7. Clerk	1 Oberwachtmeister
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b. Clothing and Equipment

1. Chief	1 Oberkommissar-Rat
2. Store Room Manager	1 Oberwachtmeister
3. Store Room Handyman (Kammerarbeiter)	1 civilian
4. Cobbler	6 civilians (1 for each company)
5. Tailor	3 civilians
6. Clerk	1 Oberwachtmeister
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c. Billetting Section

7. Technician charged with building maintenance.	1 Kommissar-Oberkommissar
8. Store Room manager	1 Civilian
9. Fireman	1 Civilian
10. Locksmith	1 Civilian
11. Electrician	1 Civilian
12. Housekeeper	2 Civilians
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d. Weapons and Tools Section

1. Chief	1 Oberkommissar-Rat
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(Weapons and Tools - cont'd)

2. Armorer in charge of magazine	1 Hauptwachtmeister
3. Armorer	3 Oberwachtmeister
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e. Finance Office

1. Chief	1 Oberkommissar-Rat
2. Finance Clerk	1 Unterkommissar-Kommissar

f. Dispensary

1. Chief Medical Officer (Oberarzt)	1 Oberrat-Kommandeur
2. Medical Corps Man (Feldscher)	1 Kommissar-Oberkommissar
3. Medical Instructor	<u>2 Hauptwachtmeister</u>
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The total personnel strength of the Primerwald School is as follows:

Officers	116
Non-commissioned officers	87
Enlisted Men	31
Trainees	600
Civilians	<u>34</u>
Total:	868

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